



## **Leinster Cricket Umpire & Scores' Association**

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### **Annual General Meeting 2026 February 19th, Merrion Cricket Club at 7.pm**

*Present: Derek Dockrell (president) Declan Ryan (Hon. Secretary) Helan Caird (Hon. Treasurer) Peter Thew (Appointments Secretary) Ashish Sharma (PRO) Tony Wall (Head of Disciplinary) James Martin, Ronan Cruise, Aidan Seaver, Ray McHugh, Ronan Cruisp, Hansel Dsouza, Anirudalha Joshi, Martin Potts, Perter Searson, Sean Smith, Micheal Lowe, William Clarke, Will Huston, Kunal Day, Nigel Pernal, Venkat Yanala, Thushara Wijesundera, David Rake, Bhaswar Dutta, Andy McGirl, Ciaran Casserly, John Tuite, Lisa Coulter, Ramachandran Manickavasagam, Sathish Kumar Mohan, Judy Cohen, Amit Naik, Paul McGrane, Conor Dillon, Siobhan Mc Bennett. Jean Louis Laubret*

*Apologies: Stella Downes (Scorer's Secretary), Abhijeet Harollikar (Grading Secretary), Prashant Tiwari (Education Secretary), Srinivasa Karpe, Mandy Allpas, Steve Wood, David Brennan, Joe Connolly, Azam Ali Baig. George Kitteringham, Kumar Varma Rudraraju, Amith Kumar, Gaurav Natarajan.*

The meeting started at 19:05 with a moment of silence honouring colleagues and members of the cricket community who passed away during the past year.

#### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2025**

The Hon. Secretary had circulated the minutes before the meeting to all members.

Peter Thew made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Willie Clarke, with one amendment: to include Peter Searson as an Honorary Member of LCU&SA.

#### **Presidents Report**

The President thanked its members and the work of the Executive over the past year.

The achievements of Roly Black in this year's T20 World Cup match between South Africa and New Zealand, as well as those of Jonny Kennedy in Nepal and Aidan Seaver in Zimbabwe, were officially recognized.

It was noted that a cross-border survey, carried out by Sport Ireland and Sport NI is currently underway. This survey, conducted across all sports, is examining the discipline and abuse of match officials. This survey is distinct from the

Cricket Ireland (CI) survey, also looking at discipline and abuse of match officials, which will be issued in due course by CI.

Following discussions with Cricket Leinster (CL) about discipline and reporting issues brought up at last year's AGM, a new system has been introduced since 2025, with a view to expediting the hearing of disciplinary issues. The 2024 reports have been handled quickly, and all reports for 2025 have already been reviewed.

#### **Hon. Secretary's Report**

The Hon. The Secretary's report was distributed before the Annual General Meeting.

*Siobhan Mc Bennett* clarified that there are no secretaries of provincial unions, but Secretaries of Umpires and Scorers' Associations *that* attend a quarterly meeting with CI.

Adopted by Will Huston and seconded by *Jean Louis Laubret*.

#### **Hon. Treasurer's Report**

The Hon. Treasurer's report was sent out before the AGM.

Once the committee and auditor approved the accounts, a breakdown was provided as requested at last year's AGM and is included in the circulated report.

The year-end balance stands at €11,921.00

There were no outgoings to the Benevolent Fund, which now has a balance of €7,921.00, it was clarified that the Benevolent Fund is intended for a specific purpose and operates independently from the main accounts, it the suggestion that the incoming committee should consider discussing an action plan—for instance, options like investing or arranging travel insurance for exchanges, also to further education programs. Out of this, there was a suggestion of a subcommittee to look at the viability and cost of EU exchanges and insurance.

Finance was adopted by Willie Clarke and seconded by Martin Potts.

#### **Hon. Appointments Secretary's Report.**

The Hon. Appointments Secretary's Report was distributed before the Annual General Meeting.

The number of appointments made between 2024 and 2025 remained broadly consistent, as no indoor league was held. However, there was expanded coverage of women's divisions. Due to initial billing issues experienced by CL at the start of the season, the number of appointments permitted below Division 10 was reduced. This issue has since been resolved, and no further problems are anticipated in 2026.

There was a reminder to all members to action or acknowledge appointments when appointed, whether yes or no.

The President acknowledged the proposed work on travel expenditure presented to CL by Peter Thew, which is still pending approval. He also noted that Peter's voluntary role is the largest and most challenging in the Association, requiring a significant commitment, and expressed great appreciation for his efforts.

The Hon. Appointments Secretary thanked *Srinivasa Karpe* for all his hard work in assisting with appointments while on leave.

The report was adopted by Amit Naik and seconded by Peter Searson.

#### **Hon. Education Secretary's Report.**

The Hon. Education Secretary's report was distributed before the Annual General Meeting.

It was acknowledged that Prashant is stepping down, and his significant contributions in shaping and advancing the education role over the past few years were recognised.

The report was adopted by Tony Wall and seconded by *Siobhan Mc Bennett*.

### **Hon. Grading Secretary's Report.**

The Hon. Grading Secretary's Report was distributed before the Annual Meeting.

It was suggested that there be a review of the reporting by captains on matches that were abandoned without a ball being played.

The report was adopted by Sean Smith and seconded by Ashish Sharma.

### **Scores' Secretary**

The Hon. Scores' Secretary's report was distributed before the Annual General Meeting.

It was recognised that the amount of work and development that has gone into the education of scoring over the past number of years. There are no new developments in relation to NV play at this moment, as this is a CL / CI issue to discuss.

The report was adopted by James Martin and seconded by Andy McGirl.

### **PRO Report**

The Hon. PRO Secretary's report was distributed before the Annual General Meeting.

There was a significant increase in traffic on social media, the LUC&SA website, and the unofficial WhatsApp site. Appreciation was expressed for the amount of information shared throughout the year.

The report was adopted by Peter Searson and seconded by Aidan Seaver.

**The President thanked the Officers and everyone who helped run the Association throughout the year and encouraged members to assist the organization in any way possible.**

### ***Election of Officers and Executive Committee:***

#### **President**

Derek Dockrell

Proposed Tony Wall, seconded by Peter Thew.

#### **Hon. Secretary**

Declan Ryan

Proposed by Derek Dockrell, seconded by *Jean Louis Laubret*

#### **Hon. Treasure**

Helen Caird

Proposed by *Jean Louis Laubret*, seconded by Peter Searson

#### **Hon. Appointments Secretary**

Peter Thew

Proposed by Aidan Seaver, seconded by *Thushara Wijesundera*

#### **Hon. Education Secretary**

Ashish Sharma

Proposed by Willie Clare, seconded by Aidan Seaver

### **Hon. Grading Secretary**

Abhijeet Harollikar

Proposed by Will Hoston, seconded by Andy McGirl.

### **Hon. Scores Secretary**

Stella Downes

Proposed by *Judy Cohen*, seconded by *Martin Potts*

### **Public Relation Officer**

Sujay Nandkumar

Proposed by Ashish Sharma, seconded by Sean Smith.

### **Chair of Disciplinary Subcommittee**

Tony Wall

Proposed by Derek Dockrell, seconded by *Jean Louis Laubret*

### **Ordinary Committee Members**

It was agreed that five members would be co-opted

Conor Dillon

Jean-Louis Laubret

James Martin

Amit Naik

Gaurav P Natarajan.

### **Election of Benevolent Fund Trustees**

Peter Thew

Derek Dockrell

Jeremy Jeffrey

### **Subscriptions for 2026**

Subscriptions will remain the same as in 2025; the fee will still be waived for first-year new officials.

### **ABO**

A clarification is needed regarding the membership under the constitution, of members who have not made their subscription payments, and of the resulting insurance issues.

A discussion was held regarding Garda Vetting, highlighting the challenges encountered by some members, including frustration with prolonged processing times and substantial paperwork. Clarifications and explanations concerning the management of the process were provided. It was agreed that the newly formed committee will review the matter and update members accordingly in due course.

An inquiry was raised regarding the responsibility for funding the clothing of appointed umpires for two-day games organised by CL. This led to an additional question concerning the provision of travel and overnight expenses for umpires and scorers who are required to travel significant distances.

The question of a provision for both captains and match officials to report illegal bowling actions was clarified.

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

